

TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL HAROLD GREGORY "HAL" MOORE, JR.

• Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize retired LTG Harold "Hal" Moore of Auburn, AL, for his lifetime of service to the United States of America.

LTG "Hal" Moore is best known as the lieutenant colonel in command of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, at the Battle of Ia Drang, in 1965 during the Vietnam war and as the author of "We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young." This book explores the weeklong Battle of Ia Drang where Hal served as the battalion commanding officer and led his troops personally. It is a magnificent book evidencing his courage, leadership, brilliance, and that of his regiment. I read it years ago and have not forgotten it.

Encircled by enemy soldiers and with no clear landing zone that would allow them to depart, Moore managed to persevere despite overwhelming odds. Moore's belief that "there is always one more thing you can do to increase your odds of success," along with the courage of his entire command, are credited with this victory. Hal used the concepts of air assault organization and employment that he and his troopers learned during their time at Ft. Benning, GA, for the first time in actual combat.

Moore then took the lessons he learned from this initial battle and helped instruct future troopers on how to better employ the tactic, saving countless lives going forward. During the Battle of Ia Drang, Moore was referred to as "Yellow Hair" by his troops, for his blond hair, and as a tongue-in-cheek tribute referencing GEN George Armstrong Custer, commander of the same 7th Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Bighorn just under a century before.

For his actions, Hal was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest military decoration of the U.S. Army. After the Battle of Ia Drang, Moore was promoted to colonel and subsequently took command of the 3rd Brigade, commonly referred to as the Garry Owen Brigade.

After his service in the Vietnam war, Moore served in various assignments until his retirement from the Army, as a lieutenant general on August 1, 1977, after completing 32 years of active service. Today he remains an "honorary colonel" of the 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment.

Along with the book he wrote, Hal is remembered in the 2007 book written by his volunteer driver, "A General's Spiritual Journey," and in the 2013 biography by author Mike Guardia, "Hal Moore: A Soldier Once . . . and Always." Moore has also been designated a Distinguished Graduate by the West Point Association of Graduates and has a 3-mile stretch of Highway 280 in Lee County, AL, named in his honor.

Lieutenant General Moore splits time between Auburn, AL, and Crested

Butte, CO. He continues to involve himself in his community. I am proud to call LTG Harold "Hal" Moore a fellow Alabamian and to acknowledge and celebrate his long and distinguished life.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 2:15 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 808. An act to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

At 4:33 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2302, and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council: Mr. ISRAEL of New York and Mr. DEUTCH of Florida.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on December 15, 2015, she had presented to the President of the United States the following bill:

S. 808. An act to establish the Surface Transportation Board as an independent establishment, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3904. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Naphthalene Acetates; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9937-22) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3905. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Choline Chloride; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9936-50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3906. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus amyloliquefaciens MBI600 (antecedent Bacillus subtilis MBI600); Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9939-54) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Com-

mittee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3907. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Azoxystrobin; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9939-52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3908. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Review Group, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Highly Fractionated Indian Land (HFIL) Loan Program" (RIN0560-AI32) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3909. A communication from the Associate Administrator of the Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tomatoes Grown in Florida; Decreased Assessment Rate" (Docket No. AMS-FV-15-0058) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3910. A communication from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transition Assistance Program (TAP) for Military Personnel" (RIN0790-AJ17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3911. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Defining 'Chronically Homeless'" (RIN2506-AC37) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3912. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Flood Elevation Determinations" ((44 CFR Part 67) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3913. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 10, 2015; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3914. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Name Change from the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) to the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM)" (FRL No. 9936-38-OSWER) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 9, 2015; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3915. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Washington: Interstate